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## EMT-I CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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### AUTHORITY

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 2.

### PURPOSE

To define requirements for the certification of an eligible individual as an Emergency Medical Technician-I (EMT-I) in the Counties of San Bernardino, Inyo and Mono.

### ELIGIBILITY

#### Initial Certification

1. Possess a course completion record or other documented proof of successful completion of an approved EMT-I training program or have documentation of successful completion of an approved out-of-state EMT-I training course within the last two years which meets the requirements of Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 2 of the California Code of Regulations.
2. Apply for certification within two (2) years of the course completion date.
3. Prior to January 1, 2006, pass by pre-established standards, the ICEMA approved competency-based written and skills certification examination
4. After January 1, 2006, pass by pre-established standards, the written and skills examination approved by the California EMS Authority.
5. Be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
6. Comply with other requirements as may be set forth herein.

#### EMT-I Certification with a Lapsed California EMT-II Certification or Paramedic License

1. Lapse of less than six months;
  - a. Submit a completed skills competency verification form, EMSA-SCV (07/03) *and*
  - b. Obtain at least twenty-four hours of continuing education hours (CEH) from an approved continuing education provider per Protocol Reference #14011 Continuing Education Provider Policy *or*
  - c. Successfully complete a twenty-four hour refresher course from an approved EMT-I training program
2. Lapse of six months or more, but less than twelve months;
  - a. Comply with B.1 a through c above *and*
  - b. Complete an additional twelve hours of continuing education for a total of 36 hours of training.
3. Lapse of twelve months or more, but less than 24 months;
  - a. Comply with B.1 a through c above *and*
  - b. Complete an additional twenty-four hours of continuing education for a total of 48 hours *and*
  - c. Pass the written and skills certification exam approved as approved by the California EMS Authority.
4. Lapse of twenty-four months or more;
  - a. Complete an entire EMT-I course *and*
  - b. Comply with the initial certification requirements set forth in this protocol.

**Other Qualifying Categories**

1. An individual currently licensed in California as a Paramedic or currently certified in California as an EMT-II is deemed to be certified as an EMT-I with no further testing required **EXCEPT** when the paramedic license or EMT-II certification is under suspension. A Paramedic whose license is under suspension shall apply to ICEMA for EMT-I certification.
2. An individual who meets one of the following criteria shall be eligible for certification upon fulfilling the requirements established by ICEMA
  - a. Possess a current and valid National Registry EMT-I Basic certificate, **or**
  - b. Possess a current and valid out-of-state or National Registry EMT-Intermediate or EMT-P certificate **or**
  - c. Possess a current and valid out-of-state EMT-I certificate

**PROCEDURE**

An individual applying for certification as an EMT-I within the ICEMA region shall:

1. Submit the appropriate ICEMA application with
  - a. Certification fee as set by ICEMA: Only cash, money order, cashier's check, or institutional check will be accepted. Fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.
  - b. Copy of front and back of current signed BLS/CPR card.
2. Provide a photo either taken at ICEMA when application is submitted or applicant may submit a driver's license size (no tinted glasses or hats) with his/her application.
3. Complete a statement that the individual is not precluded from certification for reasons defined in Section 1798.200 of the Health and Safety Code.
4. Provide documentation of requirements for eligibility.

**POLICY**

1. The effective date of certification shall be the date the individual satisfactorily completes all certification requirements and has applied for certification.
2. The certification expiration date will be the final day of the final month of the two (2) year period.
3. The expiration date shall be the same expiration date as stated on the out-of-state or National Registry certification for an individual who possesses a current and valid out-of-state EMT-I, EMT-Intermediate or Paramedic certification or a current and valid National Registry EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate or Paramedic certification.
4. The EMT-I expiration date for a Paramedic currently licensed shall be the same date as the current Paramedic license.